

TEXAS AND OREGON.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

RELATIVE TO

*The re-annexation of Texas, and the assertion and maintenance of our rights to the territory of Oregon.*

JANUARY 7, 1845.

Read, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-FOUR.

1. *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened,* That the result of the presidential election demonstrates that the people of this State and of the United States are in favor of the immediate re-annexation of Texas to the Union.

2. *Resolved,* That the usurpation of Santa Anna, and his subversion by the sword of the compact under which Texas became one of the States of the Mexican confederacy; the triumph of Texan arms at the decisive battle of San Jacinto; the subsequent acknowledgment of her independence by the usurper, and by the great powers of both continents; the maintenance of that independence, for a long succession of years, against every foe,—all combine to absolve Texas from all further allegiance to Mexico, and to establish her independence in law and fact, and her perfect freedom to negotiate treaties and contract alliances with the other sovereignties of the globe.

3. *Resolved,* That we regard it as an insult to the people of Texas, who have gallantly achieved their liberties by the sword of revolution, to make the consent of Mexico a prerequisite to their re-annexation to the United States; and that an attempt to procure the assent of Mexico, now convulsed with insurrection and torn with contending factions, each claiming to wield the rightful powers of government, would be as fruitless as unnecessary and uncalled for by the justice and law of the case.

4. *Resolved,* That the re-annexation of Texas is as constitutional and expedient as was the purchase of Louisiana by Mr. Jefferson, of which purchased territory we believe the present territory of Texas constituted a part.

5. *Resolved*, That the re-annexation of Texas, aside from its restoring to the southwest its mutilated territory, bargained away by the treachery or folly of our diplomatists, is founded in the interests of every section of our country—the agriculture of the south and west, and the commerce and manufactures of the north.

6. *Resolved*, That we do not recognise the right of foreign nations to interfere in the negotiations upon this subject; and that the two countries consenting, and as against foreign nations, Texas should be re-annexed to the United States, if need be, by armed occupation.

7. *Resolved*, That national honor and national policy alike forbid all further foreign aggression upon American soil.

8. *Resolved*, That we believe, with Mr. Clay, “that the re-annexation of Texas will add more free than slave States to the Union; and that it would be unwise to refuse a permanent acquisition, which will exist as long as the globe remains, on account of a temporary institution.”

9. *Resolved*, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to use their exertions to procure the adoption of such measures by the general government, as in their opinion shall be best calculated to effect the re-annexation of Texas to the United States, and to assert and maintain our rights in the territory of Oregon.

10. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to the governors of the several States and Territories of the Union.

HARRY HIBBARD,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

TIMOTHY HOSKINS,

*President of the Senate.*

Approved, December 28, 1844.

JOHN H. STEELE, *Governor.*

A true copy.—Attest:

THOMAS P. TREADWELL,

*Secretary of State.*